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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-60968) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT

ReBulet to Albany, 5/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are fifteen copies of an LHM captioned"New Left Activity, Merritt College (MC)".

Sources utilized herein are as follows:

T-1 is [redacted]

T-2 is [redacted]

T-3 is [redacted]

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As is pointed out in the enclosed LHM, there are no "New Left" organizations currently on the campus of MC.

Concerning the possibility of potential violence on this campus in the forthcoming year, it is conceivable that in view of what has happened in the past, as set forth in this LHM, and in view of the large non-White student body, that future conflicts will arise on campus during the coming year.

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NEW LEFT ACTIVITY, MERRITT COLLEGE (MC)

There are no "New Left" organizations on the Merritt campus.

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The Soul Students' Advisory Council (SSAC), a recognized group on the Merritt campus, composed of Blacks active in gaining recognition of Black studies and equality on the Merritt campus. Their counselor is [redacted] a member of the Black Panther Party, [redacted] at Merritt, and this is the most active group on the MC campus. Their membership potential is all the Black students on the campus. However, only five or six persons actively organize things. Others associate themselves with the SSAC when the "cause seems to fit their need.

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[redacted] the moving force behind the Blacks at MC has been identified as a member of the Black Panther Party. He was born in [redacted] He resides at [redacted] He was employed as [redacted] until May, 1968 when he became an [redacted]

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[redacted] subscribed to the "Militant" in the latter part of 1965.

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The "Militant is the official organ of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] attended the initial public meeting of the Bay Area Emergency Action Committee (BAEAC) at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California, on July 22, 1967. b6 b7C

This meeting was advertised as initiating an organization to combat the alarming growth of racism in the White community and an increasing use of "police state methods" in handling unrest in the Negro ghetto areas. It proposed to initiate a campaign of action and education directed toward the White community.

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[redacted] publicly identified as a member of the Communist Party National Committee, organized a steering committee composed of liberals in the San Francisco area which sent out 35,000 letters announcing a public meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, on July 22, 1967, to mobilize White support against attacks on Negroes and the Negro community, particularly by the police. b6 b7C

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In February 1968, election of the Associated Students, MC, student council was contested by militant Blacks of the SSAC. The Merritt Council (heads of recognized organizations) defeated a resolution to invalidate the election and declared the student body officers elected at the last general election to be valid. Later in the month, [redacted] [redacted] a Black, [redacted] of the student body announced rumors of threats, including assassination and widespread campus violence, if the present student leaders b6 b7C

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Reference	Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

comment in the Junior College Journal or any place else letting the community or the college community here know that these positive things for Black students on this campus have resulted from Black students going through what you would have the nerve to call the democratic processes of this campus to get our grievances redressed even though we question your ability to recognize democratic processes".

The letter closed with the following demands:

"We as Black students at Merritt College demand three unalterable actions which will promote good will and harmony among men and women at Merritt College:

1. The immediate resignation of Dr. Redford.

2. A retraction of the article written by Dr. Redford in the Junior College Journal.

3. The resolute and speedy correction of the obvious inadequacies of the school program for night students.

In closing we will ensure the enforcement of the above actions by any means necessary. We can no longer sit idly by and tolerate scare tactics designed to foment or resulting in the consolidation of anti-Black sentiment as Dr. Redford's crude attempt to build a case against Black people implementing meaningful changes. Redford's actions are only a small reflection of a horendous system which is moving to crush Black people and their striving for Black liberation.

It must be understood by all who would try to stop the revolutionary resurgence of Black people, that we shall not be stopped, until the last breath is snatched from our bodies and even then our spirits shall live with our future generation who will ensure an everlasting victory".

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On February 26, 1968, Dr. Redford announced his resignation to the Board of Trustee's to be effective June 30, 1968.

Dr. Redford in an interview with Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on February 20, 1968 stated he was resigning because of threats made against his life and his wife by unknown military Black students.

In March, 1968, [redacted] submitted a twelve-point program designed to establish an A.A. program in Afro-American studies. This program was not acted on by the Faculty Senate because the courses had already been selected for the Spring Quarter. b6 b7C

The SSAC then called for a boycott of classes during census week, April 29, 1968 to May 3, 1968.

[redacted] then distributed a mimeographed leaflet criticizing the Faculty Senate and threatening "political consequences", if his twelve-point program was not established. The "political consequences" dealt for the most part on disruption of the building program for a new MC. b6 b7C

The Faculty Senate finally agreed to establish an Afro-American Studies,"an interdisciplinary curriculum with an Associate in Arts degree with a major in Afro-American Studies".

In April under prodding of [redacted] the Faculty Senate passed a resolution calling on the State Board of Education to issue a partial credential in Afro-American Studies to persons possessing an Associate of Arts degree with a major in Afro-American Studies to allow them to teach under the supervision of a master teacher or department chairman. b6 b7C

In May, the Senate rescinded this resolution after a faculty poll showed that 108 members of the faculty

rejected the idea and 86 favored the idea of a partial credential but only if based on the BA degree.

In June, a memo to All Faculty and Staff from Assistant Dean John R. Carr entitled"Fire Threat" stated, "Arsonists have made ten attempts to burn portions of the Merritt Campus in the last two days. May we ask that you exercise the most careful vigilance to observe and report to the switchboard operator anything suspicious. Most of the attempts have been made by setting fires in trash cans, either around the portables or in washrooms."

The Spring Session ended on June 21, 1968 without further incident.

remained. Following this announcement, all the student leaders resigned. However, the Administration refused to accept their resignations. The threats could not be substantiated beyond the rumor stage and all student leaders retained their positions. CAL- MERRITT COLLEGE

Dr. Edward Redford, President of MC, came under fire from the "Black Activists" on the campus because of an article he wrote for the American Junior College Journal. His article attacked "profiteering from Activisim". He stated, "Merritt College lives in the midst of student activisim but the Administration believes in a broad policy with few rules". He gave a factual review of student groups and activity over the years at MC.

The SSAC replied to Dr. Redford's article with a nine page letter criticizing his approach to campus problems. It stated in part... "We did not appreciate the negative reference made to "activists" on this campus because we hold the position as Black activist leaders on campus and thus take this as a personal slap. The thing that hurt us most is that you take the credit for all the positive things that came out of "Black activisim" such as the "Negro" history class which you lied and said, "helps all of its students to an understanding of; and appreciation of; the Negro, his culture and background; his needs as an important segment of the population; and the contributions he made to our country". "This is just like the old plantation master who used to take credit giving the house slave a few tattered clothes and hog snoots as tokens while the master wears fine clothes and eats choice foods". "If we may invade your thick skull for a moment, when has history ever freed a person, when has history done more than remind us of the bloody brutality which your ancestors; i.e. yo' mama and daddy, have forced upon a glorious and noble Black race."

"You consciously failed to mention that it was pressure put on by Black student groups that brought the concern for a Black history class, and you have not made any